



Professional Fellows Program (PFP) with Belarus

The Professional Fellows Program is merit-based and it affords promising **young professionals from Belarus** the opportunity to gain practical experience in, and exposure to, United States policies and offices related to innovation and entrepreneurship during a **5-week internship in spring 2016**. The knowledge and interest of our Belarus innovation fellows will be expanded through short-term fellowships in a variety of American organizations and state bodies across the United States that address innovation/entrepreneurship policy issues. All finalists are assigned individual placements based on their application, goals, professional background, and sphere of interest. The program also foresees the opportunity for American professionals to conduct short-term visits to Belarus with the goal of conducting collaborative projects.

Program goals:

- Provide opportunities for professional development to specialists working in Belarusian innovation and entrepreneurship sectors;
- Create partnerships between innovation-focused institutions in the U.S. and Belarus;
- Exchange professional experience and share best practices;
- Get participants acquainted with American culture.

The program is fully sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

To be eligible for PFP, applicants must::

- Be a citizen of and currently reside in Belarus;
- Be 25 to 35 years of age at the time of application;
- Be proficient in English at a level required for communicating at work or in daily life situations
- Have relevant experience in and commitment to a career in the innovation and entrepreneurship sector (public institutions management, NGOs, higher education institutions, business accelerators, etc.); and
- Be able to demonstrate and apply experience received on the program in Belarus after completing the program.

To apply for the program you need to complete online application on <https://www.aisforms.org/pfpbelarus> **before November 12, 2015.**

Selected semifinalists will be invited for interviews with program representatives in December 2015.

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